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insert "as long as such retailer is not utilizing state-provided equipment at that location." We have tried to come down to a compromise with those involved, people on the body...in the body here and with the HHS Committee who have worked this bill very vigorously. There are at least six people from HHS out on the floor trying to work the body. It seems to me that they could have other things to do instead of out here trying to twist arms. I don't appreciate that. I am not out there lobbying. We have some people from the grocery industry lobbying. I think that we're offering a fair amendment here. Actually, this is below cost that the retailers are going to occur (sic) at five cents. We do not want to make it a problem for those people who are using the...the Smart cards. We don't want to segregate them out. We want them to flow with the rest of the traffic in our stores, and be utilizing our own machines for the cost of five cents. This is not going to happen, you're not going to have the segregation that you would have otherwise. And the second part of the amendment says, "as long as such retailer is not utilizing state-provided equipment at that location", that means that we could not charge the other five cents on anything...on anything else. That is just so that we...we do not want...we do not want to get a five-cent return if we are utilizing the state-owned machines at...at the same time. That would not be fair. I think we're fair at that...at that point. With that, that is I think a compromise amendment and I hope that the body feels positive towards this and we can advance with the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I am trying to get reoriented to this bill, so I'd like to ask Senator Janssen a question or two.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Absolutely, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, the committee amendment doesn't do a great deal. In order that I'm with you on the committee amendment, all it does, looking at the committee